

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A stage apparatus provided with a holder having a substrate holding surface which holds a substrate, and a stage which supports and moves the holder, comprising:

a recovery device, which is disposed in the vicinity of the holder, that has a lyophilic portion, of which at least a part is lyophilic, and that recovers a liquid using the lyophilic portion.

2. (Original) A stage apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said recovery device has a suction device that suctions the liquid guided to said lyophilic portion.

3. (Original) A stage apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein said substrate is suctioned to said holder, and suction force of said suction device is greater than suction force that suctions said substrate.

4. (Currently Amended) A stage apparatus according to Claim 2 ~~or Claim 3~~, wherein said suction device is disposed below said lyophilic portion, and said lyophilic portion has an inclined portion, which is inclined toward said suction device.

5. (Currently Amended) A stage apparatus according to ~~any one of Claim 1 through Claim 4~~ Claim 1, wherein said recovery device has a first portion that is higher than said substrate holding surface.

6. (Currently Amended) A stage apparatus according to ~~any one of Claim 1 through Claim~~
~~5~~Claim 1, wherein

said recovery device has a recessed portion that suctions the liquid by the capillary phenomenon.

7. (Original) A stage apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein
at least a part of said recessed portion is lyophilic.

8. (Currently Amended) A stage apparatus according to ~~any one of Claim 1 through Claim~~
~~7~~Claim 1, wherein

said recovery device has a surface that is substantially parallel to said substrate holding surface, and a liquid repellent portion of which at least a part is liquid repellent.

9. (Currently Amended) A stage apparatus according to ~~any one of Claim 1 through Claim~~
~~8~~Claim 1, wherein

at least a part of said holder is liquid repellent.

10. (Currently Amended) A stage apparatus according to ~~any one of Claim 1 through Claim~~
~~9~~Claim 1, wherein

said substrate holding surface is liquid repellent.

11. (Currently Amended) A stage apparatus according to ~~any one of Claim 1 through Claim~~
~~10~~Claim 1, wherein

said lyophilic portion is disposed so that a space is formed between an outer circumferential part of said substrate and said lyophilic portion.

12. (Currently Amended) A stage apparatus according to ~~any one of Claim 1 through Claim 11~~Claim 1, wherein

a portion of said holder that opposes said lyophilic portion is liquid repellent.

13. (Currently Amended) An exposure apparatus, comprising:

a stage apparatus according to ~~any one of Claim 1 through Claim 12~~Claim 1.

14. (Original) An exposure method that exposes a pattern onto a substrate held by a holder, comprising the steps of:

disposing a lyophilic portion, at least a part of which is lyophilic, in the vicinity of the holder;

supplying liquid to the substrate; and

exposing the pattern.

15. (Original) An exposure method according to Claim 14, further comprising the step of: recovering part of the liquid using said lyophilic portion.

16. (Original) An exposure method according to Claim 14, wherein a part of said holder is liquid repellent.